

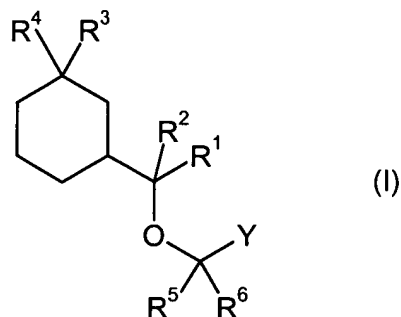
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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) ~~Compounds A~~ compound of the formula (I)



where

$R^1 = \text{CH}_3$, $R^3 = \text{H or CH}_3$ and R^2 and $R^4 = \text{H}$,

R^5 and R^6 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 and

$Y = -\text{CR}^7\text{R}^8\text{OCOR}^9$, where R^7 and R^8 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 and

R^9 is a branched or straight-chain C_1 to C_5 alkyl group or a branched or straight-chain C_2 to C_5 alkylene group,

or

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R^1 and R^2 - independently of one another - are CH_3 or CH_2CH_3 ,

R^3 and R^4 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 ,

R^5 and R^6 together are oxygen and

$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$ or R^9 , where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the
abovementioned meaning,

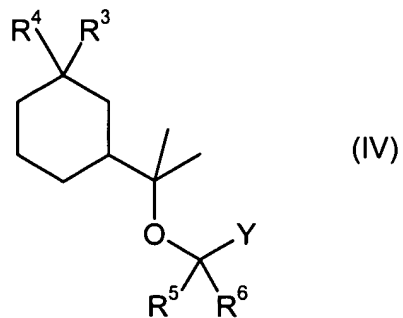
or

R^1 and R^2 - independently of one another - are CH_3 or CH_2CH_3 ,

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 - independently of one another - are H or
 CH_3 and

$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$, where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the abovementioned
meaning.

2. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound according to
Claim 1 of the formula (IV)



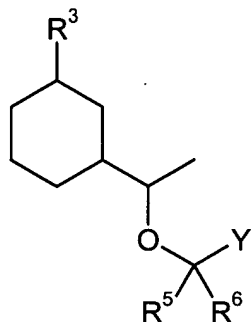
where

R^3 and R^4 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 , R^3
and R^4 - ~~methyl being preferred~~

R^5 and R^6 together are hydrogen, and

$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$ or R^9 , where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the meaning
given in Claim 1, where $Y =$ methyl, ethyl or n-propyl, and
also $Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$, where R^7 and $R^8 = H$ and $R^9 =$ ~~methyl,~~
~~ethyl or n-propyl is preferred~~ methyl.

3. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound according to
Claim 1 of the formula (VI)



(VI)

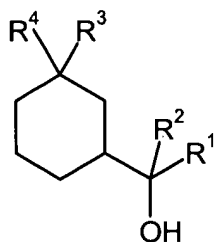
where

$R^3 = H$ or CH_3 ,

R^5 and R^6 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 ,
~~where R^5 , $R^6 =$ methyl is preferred,~~ and

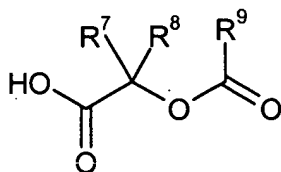
Y = $-CR^7R^8OCOR^9$, where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the meaning given in Claim 1 ~~Claim 1~~, where ~~R^7 and $R^8 = H$ and $R^9 = methyl, ethyl or n-propyl$~~ is preferred.

4. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that they are~~ wherein said compound is 2-(1-cyclohexylethoxy)-2-methylpropyl propionate, 2-[1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)-1-methylethoxy]-2-oxoethyl propionate or 2-[1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)-1-methylethoxy]-2-oxoethyl acetate.
5. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for the preparation of ~~compounds the compound~~ according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1 by ~~reaction of~~ reacting a substituted ~~cyclohexylalkanols~~ cyclohexylalkanol of the formula



with

- a) carboxylic acids of the formula



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where

R^1 and R^2 - independently of one another - are CH_3 or CH_2CH_3 ,

R^3 and R^4 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 ,

R^5 and R^6 together are hydrogen and

$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$ where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the meaning given in Claim 1,

or

- b) carboxylic acids R^9-COOH or carboxylic anhydrides $(R^9-CO)_2O$

where

R^1 and R^2 - independently of one another - are CH_3 or CH_2CH_3 ,

R^3 and R^4 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 ,

R^5 and R^6 together are oxygen, and

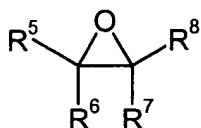
$Y = R^9$ and R^9 has the meaning given in Claim 1,

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or

c) epoxides of the formula



where

$R^1 = \text{CH}_3$, $R^3 = \text{H or CH}_3$ and R^2 and $R^4 = \text{H}$,

R^5 and R^6 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3
and

$Y = -\text{CR}^7\text{R}^8\text{OCOR}^9$, where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the
abovementioned meaning,

or

R^1 and R^2 - independently of one another - are CH_3 or
 CH_2CH_3 ,

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 - independently of one another - are H
or CH_3 , and

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$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$, where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the meaning
given in Claim 1,

or

- d) a carboxylic acid XCR^7R^8-COOH or a carboxylic anhydride
 $(XCR^7R^8-CO)_2O$ in a first step and with R^9-COOZ or
 $(R^9-CO)_2O$ in a second step

where

R^1 and R^2 - independently of one another - are CH_3 or
 CH_2CH_3 ,

R^3 and R^4 - independently of one another - are H or CH_3 ,

R^5 and R^6 together are oxygen, and

$Y = -CR^7R^8OCOR^9$, where R^7 , R^8 and R^9 have the meaning
given in Claim 1,

$X =$ halogen or OH,

$Z =$ alkali metal or H.

6. (cancelled)

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7. (currently amended) ~~Fragrance mixtures containing compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 4~~ A fragrance mixture comprising one or more compounds according to Claim 1.
8. (currently amended) ~~Perfumed products containing compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 4~~ A perfumed product comprising one or more compounds according to Claim 1.
9. (new) The compound according to Claim 2 wherein R^4 = methyl.
10. (new) The compound according to Claim 2 wherein R^9 = methyl, ethyl or n-propyl.
11. (new) The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R^5 and R^6 = methyl.
12. (new) The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R^9 = methyl, ethyl or n-propyl.